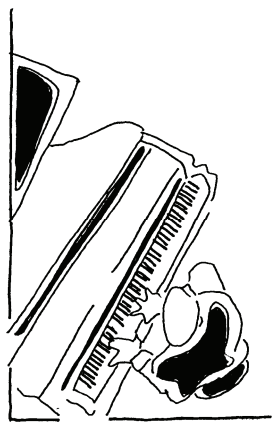


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# HANDS FOUR



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## Cool January Dances

Get a running start on 2012 at the Gala New Years Eve Contra in San Rafael. It goes to 12:30 am, so you can have the first waltz, and the first contra, of 2012. Playing will be the Fiddlerats, featuring Caroline McCaskey (fiddle) and Cole Ingraham (guitar, flute, and djembe) from Colorado, and Eric Anderson (piano) from Washington with Susan Petrick calling. The very next night the same talent will be in Petaluma, so if you are unable to make it to the New Years Eve dance (or to double your dancing pleasure), come to Petaluma on Sunday, January 1st. Check out the Fiddlerats on YouTube! They sound super fab at the Colorado School Of Mines Dance.

## Matching Donation Challenge

An anonymous donor has offered \$1,000 to support the work of NBCDS! This is a challenge grant in the form of a dollar-for-dollar match of contributions raised from the rest of the dance community. The Board is excited about this opportunity to raise \$2,000 and urges dancers to take up the challenge. Your tax-deductible donation will be used to support our local dances, continue a reduced "student/young adult/hardship" dance rate, pay for publicity and free dance coupons to attract new dancers, and provide scholarships to teaching camps for callers and musicians. To make a donation, please contact a Board member, look for donation envelopes at dances, or mail in a check made out to "NBCDS" with "challenge grant" in the memo line, to NBCDS, Post Office Box 953, Sebastopol, CA 95473-0953.

## Dance Price Increases

For the past few years, due to concerns over our struggling economy, NBCDS has resisted the need to raise prices at our dances. Recently the Board agreed they could no longer ignore the rising cost of dance hall rents and other increasing expenses. They voted to raise dance prices in 2012. Beginning February 1, the new rates will be \$10 for members (SO JOIN NOW!), \$12 for non-members, and \$7 for students, young adults, and those with financial hardship. Most special dances will be \$12 for members and non-members. Despite the fee increase, dancing to live music is still one of the most affordable and enjoyable entertainment options around.

## New Look

*Hands Four* has a new editor (Jim Todd) and a new look. I have different software available to put the newsletter together, and some fonts and formats are being adjusted to work smoothly in the new program. And, I have not quite tamed the program yet, so sometimes there are um... interesting effects on the page. Please be patient.

## The Spin Doctor

Have you experienced dancers ever had the urge to show a beginner how fast and smooth a spin can be? Well, pleeeeeeze don't! Dizziness and disorientation may ensue. Many beginners are easily discouraged. Treat them nice, or they might not come back.

## San Rafael English Dancing

San Rafael's English Country Dance is expanding in March 2012, to include not only the second Sundays of the month, but also the fourth Sundays. The time remains 2-4:30 PM.

Our lovely dance hall at Pickleweed Community Center, 50 Canal Street, San Rafael, nestled in the Canal Area of the city, right off the 580 exchange, is central to dancers from Berkeley, San Francisco, Sebastopol, and Marin.

Our great thanks go to Kalia Klivan for programming our first two sessions in Marin (she showed us the way!), to our illustrious callers: Kalia, Ric Goldman and David Newitt; and to our fabulous musicians: Rebecca King, Jon Berger, Noel Cragg, and Charlie Hancock. In 2012, we hope dancers from around the Bay Area will incorporate our twice-a-month frolic into their dance schedule. Join us! 2012 dates include: Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11 & 25, Apr 8 & 22, May 13 & 27, Jun 10 & 24.

## ..... End Notes .....

"Almost nobody dances sober, unless they are insane." — HP Lovecraft

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# North Bay Dance Calendar: Winter 2012

English Country Dances (ECD) meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays, 2–4:30 pm, at Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris St., Sebastopol. Admission rates are the same as described below for Contra dances. Call 707-829-0168 for more information or contact [kalia@nbcds.org](mailto:kalia@nbcds.org) or [kwoeltjen@yahoo.com](mailto:kwoeltjen@yahoo.com).

Regular dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members, \$7 adults under 25, FT students with ID and financial hardship, \$2 ages 6–17, under 6 free  
Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

## Key to Hall Locations and Contacts for Contra dances:

PET	1st Sun	Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; 707-544-7036, <a href="mailto:craig@nbcds.org">craig@nbcds.org</a>
SRF	2nd Sat	Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; <a href="mailto:andy@nbcds.org">andy@nbcds.org</a>
SRO	3rd Fri, 5th Sat	Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-545-1274, <a href="mailto:contrabeet43@gmail.com">contrabeet43@gmail.com</a>
SEB	4th Sat	Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-569-0565, <a href="mailto:mike.fynan@gmail.com">mike.fynan@gmail.com</a>
SRFE*	2nd Sun	Pickleweed Community Center, 50 Canal Street, 2:00 – 4:30 pm; Cost: \$10
UKI*	2nd Sat	Ukiah Methodist Church, 270 North Pine, 7:00 to 10:30 pm; 707-467-0311, Ulla Brunnberg-Rand

\* dances are not sponsored by NBCDS

Apple Tree Morris dancers meet weekly and welcome new members - no experience necessary. Call or email Cliff Stevens, 823-6925, [cliff@kichu.com](mailto:cliff@kichu.com)

## January

Sun 1	Contra	PET	Susan Petrick	<b>Fiddlerats:</b> Caroline McCaskey (fiddle, saw) (CO), Eric Anderson (keyboard) (WA), Cole Ingraham (flute, djembe) (CO) – <b>Special prices - \$10/12/7</b>
Sun 1	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Laurie Reaume (piano), Janette Duncan (violin), Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 8	English	SRFE*	Kalia Kliban	Charlie Hancock (piano), Jon Berger (violin)
Thu 12	Contra	SRF	Joyce Miller	<b>Tidal Wave:</b> Eric Favreau (fiddle), Sabin Jacques (accordion, foot percussion), Rachel Aucoin (piano), Stuart Kenney (upright bass, banjo) – <b>Time: 7:30 to 10:30 pm; Special prices - \$10/12/7</b>
Sat 14	Contra	UKI*	Nick Cuccia	<b>Honeysuckle:</b> Janette Duncan (fiddle), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano)
Sun 15	English	SEB	David Newitt	The Humus
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Celia Ramsay	<b>The Newts:</b> Chris Knepper (fiddle), Noel Cragg (keyboard)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	Robin Steen	<b>The Road Oilers:</b> Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pederson (banjo), Perry Fly (guitar), Chuck Wiley (bass)
Sun 29	English	SEB	Brooke Friendly	<b>Roguary:</b> Jim Oakden, Dave Bartley, Shira Kammen, Anita Anderson <b>SPECIAL DANCE 12:30 to 5:00 pm</b> <b>Culmination of the Bay Area Impropryety English Country Dance weekend</b>

## February

Sun 5	Contra	PET	Alan Winston	<b>Right to Parlay:</b> Thomas Angell (fiddle), Mike Lewinski (banjo), Dan Kluger (guitar), Dane Miller (fiddle)
Sun 5	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Shira Kammen (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Michelle Levy (violin)
Sat 11	Contra	SRF	Chuck Galt	<b>Jack Knife and the Big Rigs:</b> Michael Stadler (fiddle), Chris Grampp (guitar), Adam Cavan (double bass)
Sat 11	Contra	UKI*	Lea Smith	<b>Uncorked:</b> Andi Skelton (fiddle), Eleanor Cook (fiddle), Don Coffin (guitar), Denis Hadley (accordion)
Sun 12	English	SRFE*	Kalia Kliban	Charlie Hancock (piano), Noel Cragg (accordion)
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	<b>Right to Parlay:</b> Thomas Angell (fiddle), Mike Lewinski (banjo), Dan Kluger (guitar), Dane Miller (fiddle)
Sun 19	English	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Jon Berger (violin), Chuck Ward (piano), Michael Siemon (concertina)
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Lea Smith	<b>Whimsical:</b> Janette Duncan (fiddle), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), and Roxanne Oliva (accordion)

## March

Sun 4	Contra	PET	Chuck Galt	<b>Cotter's Ceilidh:</b> Tuula Cotter (fiddle), Winslow Yerxa (harmonica), Patti Cobb (keyboards)
Sun 4	English	SEB	Ric Goldman	Gary Thomas (piano), Erik Ievins (cello), Marilyn Simpson (violin)
Sat 10	Contra	SRF	Warren Blier	<b>Crabapples:</b> Marta Lynch (fiddle), Bob Silberstein (mandolin, percussion), Norm Cotton (piano), Teresa Fife (bass)
Sat 10	Contra	UKI*	Jim Saxe	<b>The Julian Trio+1:</b> Julian McClanahan (fiddle, mandolin), Brad McClanahan (guitar), Darin Smith (cello), Michael Charnes (cittern, bass)
Sun 11	English	SRFE*	TBD	
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Mavis McGaugh	<b>The Newts:</b> Chris Knepper (fiddle), Noel Cragg (keyboard)
Sun 18	English	SEB	Gary Thomas	Rebecca King (piano), Beverly Jacobs (flute), David Barnett (woodwinds)
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Celia Ramsay	<b>Contrazz:</b> Ann Gilleran (fiddle), Pat Gilleran (bass), Rob Crummett (guitar)
Sun 25	English	SRFE*	TBD	TBD
Sat 31	SRO	Contra	Chuck Galt	<b>Three Fifths of Scotch:</b> Emily Parsons (fiddle), Judy Linsenberg (recorder), Debra Tayleur (piano), Del Eckels (percussion) <b>CHALLENGING CONTRA-NOT FOR BEGINNERS</b>

Contra dancing and English country dancing are easy, fun, friendly and inclusive. All dances are taught and prompted, and feature great live music. No experience is necessary; come alone or bring a friend. Wear comfortable clothes and low, smooth-soled, comfortable shoes. Scent-free dancing appreciated! New dancers are encouraged to come early for an orientation, and for simpler dances early in the evening. To see what contra dancing is all about before you attend a dance you can go online to [http://www.contradance.org/html/what\\_is.php](http://www.contradance.org/html/what_is.php) for video lessons.